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particles thm or beta wave n ['beta]: a brain wave current i frequency of more than 10 pulsations per second

of BETA bb, bē+\ vs [be- + tassel]: to adorn with or as if sels

iels n[!beta]: a nonverbal group intelligence test used S. Army during World War I
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y-gah 'becharë,gä,-ga'\ n-s [native name in AusBUDGERIGAR

Et\ adl [prob. fr. F bête, lit., blockhead, beast (in
bête to pass in a card game), fr. OF beare beast
mast] in certain card games; subject to a penalty for
fulfill one's contract; also: Down, Beaten
n-s: failure by the bidder (as in auction pinochle)
his contract; also: the penalty for such failure
t-ed/-No/s 1 obs: vouchsafe, Grant, Accord,
2 obs: Allow, Permit
2d., et'l or betel pepper n-s [Pg betel, betle, fr.
relial]: a climbing gepper (Piper betle) whose leaves
ped around or mixed with a whole betel nut or scrapit together with lime made from burnt coral and
s a stimulant masticatory esp. by southeastern Asians
n [so called fr. its being chewed with betel leaves]
ingent seed of the betel palm used as a vermituge and
di in the East for chewing — called also areca nut
m n [betel nut]: an Asiatic pinnate-leaved palm
techu) having a slender ringed trunk and an orangeungent astringent drupe with an outer fibrous husk
rei, NUT; compare better.

TEL NUT; COMPARE BETEL

aol n: Chavibetol.

3 also bête noir \, betno'wër, bet'nw-, -\vec{a}t.\, -w\u00e4(r\) less noires also bêtes noirs \-\vec{a}t.\u00e4(r\) [F. iit. black beast]: a person or thing usu strongly stently detested, feared, or avoided (an idiosyncratic ose bête noir was the left turn—Marylin Bender, conmo for bayth, lit., house] 1: the second letter of the ilphabet — symbol 2; see ALPHABET table 2: the the Phoenician or of any of various other Semitic corresponding to Hebrew beth

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be thabero\ n -s [origin unknown]: any of Guiana timber trees of the genus Tabebula

as a : a chapel for nonconformists D: a place of or seamen cocess, \beta-l-\ n, usu cap B [after John Bethell, Am. inventor]: a method of preserving wood with inder pressure \text{bd'thezda, be-\n -s [fr. Bethesda, Biblical pool \text{have curative powers (In 5:2-4), fr. Gk Bēthesda] ed place : CHAPEL, esp: BETHEL a mi-drash \bath.hamidrash \bath.hamidrash \n IHeb bēth hamminous of study]: a hall or school where Jews esp. Burope study the Bible, the Talmud, and later terature

terature "pler or bet ha.se-fer \, "h" h" h" h" n [Heb bëth house of the book] : a Jewish elementary school 'dil.lah or bet ha.te.till.lah \'s,httyhilläh house of prayer] : a Jewish house of prayer] : a Jewish house of

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0-ite \-mīt\ n -s cap [Bethlehem, Palestine + E
tive or inhabitant of Bethlehem

sage n, usu cap B: a European herb (Pulmonaria with white or reddish violet flowers shaped like

s-star \, σ \, σ \, n, pl bethlehem's-stars usu cap σ -Bethlehem i beth- σ \, n -s [alter. of birthroot] 1: Birthroot

bà, bē +\ vt [be- + thumb] : to wear or soil with or

humbs \(\frac{1}{6}\) b2. \(\frac{1}{6}\) b4. \(\frac{1}{6}\) b4. \(\frac{1}{6}\) b4. \(\frac{1}{6}\) b5. \(\frac{1}{6}\) b7. \(\frac{1}{6}\) b6. \(\frac{1}{6}\) b6.

ghly 'betholdd, -lid\ ad/ [NL Bethylidae]: of or ree family Bethylidae
e family Bethylidae
le \bo'thilo.de\ n pl. cap [NL, fr. Bethylus, type
]k bēthylos, a kind of bird) + -ldae]: a family of
the females of which oviposit on other insects that
and paralyze

the females of which oviposit on other insects and the females of which oviposit on other insects and paralyze fid, bē.\(vb \) betided \(\cdot \) tided \(\cdot \) also archaic betid; betiding; betides [ME be-+ tiden to happen — more at TIDE] vl 1; to BEFALL — now used chiefly in the expression woe \(\cdot \) the man who recognizes no law\(\cdot \) (wee \(\cdot \) our \(\cdot \); FOREBODE, RESAGE (such omens \(\cdot \) no good\(\cdot \) FALL, HAPPEN (hope — must abide with all of us, —William Wordsworth\(\cdot \) 2 ob: to be the fate or with of or on (if he were dead, what would \(\cdot \) or on (if he were dead, what would \(\cdot \) 3: BETOKEN, FOREBODE SYN See HAPPEN

ME, fr. be+ time] obs: SETIMES

ME, fr. be- + time] obs: BETIMES

\$'\time_\time_\time\$ (in betime + -s] 1: in good ime: SEASONABLY, EARLY (that Friday morning oke \sime_\time \time) with a sense that something was to happen Churchill) 2 archaic; in a short time: SOON,

beitified elder statesman) 2: to call by a title: call by the title of (betitled "king of the Anglo-Saxons" in some charters)
be-toil \bd, be +\vi [be- + toil]: to oppress or exhaust with

toil be-to-ken bb'(oken, bb\ vt betokened; be-tokening \k(2)min\ betokens [ME betacnien, betokenen, fr. be-+ tacnien, tokenen to token—more at token] 1 a obs; to be a symbol of: signify visibly: Represent (in the cloud a bow \sqrt{ng peace from God—John Milton\ b: to show esp. by signs or tokens: give evidence of (thin, tall, and of that ashgray color which \signs constant sleeplessness—Osbert Sitwell) (an elderly man, of ... strong, square features, \sqrt{ng} as steady soul—Nathaniel Hawthorne) 2: foresthow, presame (signing in the woods to \signs as big weather change—John Muir) syn see INDICATE

sighing in the woods to ~ a big weather change — John Muir) Syn see INDICATE
BO-ton-1-Ga \bd'stansko\ n, cap [NL, fr. L betonica vettonica betony] in some esp. former classifications: a small genus of Eurasian herbs (family Labiatae) often included in Stachys having the corolla tube greatly exceeding the calyx beto-ony \begin{align*} beto-one, fr. OF betonica, vettonica, fr. Vettones, an ancient people inhabiting the Iberian peninsula] 1: any of several woundworts formerly included in the genus Betonica; esp: PURPLE BETONY 2: any of several plants of the genus Teucrium; esp: AMERICAN OREMANDER

included in the genus Betonica; esp: PURPLE BETONY 2: any of several plants of the genus Teucrium; esp: AMERICAN GERMANDER
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be-trim \bb., bb. +\ v! [be- + trim]: to adorn on both or an sides

be-troth \bb'with, be., -'troth, -'troth, or with th\ v! -ED/
-ING/-S [ME betreuthen, betrouthen, fr. be- + treuthe, trouthe truth, troth - more at TRUTH] ! archaic: to promise to take in marriage: plight one's troth to 2 a: to promise in marriage: plight one's troth to 2 a: to promise in marriage: splight one's troth to 2 a: to promise in marriage: AFFIANCE (a daughter -ed to a rising young lawyer)
(two children of noble blood -ed almost from birth) b obt: PLEDGE (a fool that -s himself to unquietness -Shak.)

3: to give or pledge in religious faith and affiliation be-troth-tal\ '-troth-'- 'troth-' n- s [betroth + -dl]: the act of betrothing or fact of being betrothed: a mutual promise or contract for a future marriage - called also expousal

be-trothed \-th,-thd sometimes -thòd or -thòd n -3: one betrothed; esp: the person to whom one is betrothed be-troth-ment \-thmont,-th\ n-s: BETROTHAL

be-trousered \bb, b\ \epsilon \epsilon \ \tau \ \tau \ \epsilon \ \epsi

bettudissers (105, be + \ ad \ [be- + trousers + -ed] : wearing trousers

be-trunk \ ba-'tronk, \ ba-'\ vt -ed/-InO/-s \ [be- + trunk \ (to truncate)] : to remove the lower part of the course of (a stream) esp, by submergence of a valley or by recession of the land along a shore — compare BeHEAD betrust vt \ [be- + trust] obs : TRUST bets pres 3d sing of EET, \ pl of BET bet-sey bug or bet-sy bug \(\text{trust} \) obets = S-BUO \

bet-si-mi-sar-a-ka \(\text{bets} \) bets \(\text{sres} \) also betsy beelle \(n \), sometimes \(cap \) is \(B \) by \(\text{bet} \) bets \(\text{sres} \) also betsy beelle \(n \), sometimes \(cap \) is \(B \) by \(\text{bet} \) bets \(\text{sres} \) also betsy beelle \(n \), sometimes \(cap \) is \(B \) by \(\text{bet} \) bets \(\text{inite} \) and \(\text{ypendogs} \) obetsimisarakas : a native of the east coast of Madagascar of predominantly Malay blood and type — compare MALAGASY \(\text{bed-0} \) \(n \) \(\text{NL} \) \(1 \) \(cap \) : a genus of small brilliantly colored long-tinned freshwater anabantid fishes of south-eastern \(Asia \) related to the climbing perch \(2 \) -s sometimes \(cap \) in \(\text{bed} \) of the genus \(Betta; \) esp : one \((B \) splendens) often \(kept \) in the tropical aquarium — called \(a \) is \(Stamese \) fighting \(fish \) bat \(ba \) of \(E \).

cap: any fish of the genus Betta; esp: one (B. splendens) often kept in the tropical aquarium — called also Stamese form kept in the tropical aquarium — called also Stamese form kept in the tropical aquarium — called also Stamese form kept in the tropical aquarium — called also Stamese form kept in the tropical aquarium — called also Stamese form kept in the tropical aquarium — called also Stamese form kept in the tropical also states of the called also Stamese form and the called also Stamese form and the called also states of the

coming better: IMPROVEMENT: as a: an improvement of an estate (as by the addition; of new buildings) that makes it better and more valuable than mere repairing would do b: an improvement (as of a highway, railroad, or business establishment) that does more than restore to a former good condition C: the replacement in accounting of an existing asset with one of greater cost or superior value 2: the sum of money assessed, required, or used for a betterment (~s for street construction); specif: an expenditure that adds greater worth (as extended life or increased capacity) to a fixed asset bet-ter-most \(\times \times \t

betting machine n: Parl-MUTUEL

bettong \(\) \\(\) \

be-turbaned \bb, be+\ adj [be- + turban + -ed] : wearing a be-twat-tled \b3-'twad-'ld, be-\ adj [be- + twattled, past part.

be-furbaned \bb. \be\taken\ adj \leftilde \text{lurban} + -edj: wearing a turban be-twat-fied \bb-'tw\taken\ adj \leftilde \text{lob} \ adj \leftilde \text{lob} + tw\taken\ adj \leftilde \text{lob} + tw\taken\ adj \leftilde \text{lob} + tw\taken\ adj\ \text{lob} + t

her children, she was kept busy)
between \"\adv [ME betwene] 1 a; in an intermediate position in relation to two other objects (two desks with a waste-basket ~> b: filling the space limited by two objects (two buildings with a parking area ~> 2: in the interval; in intervals (two short movies with a newsreel ~> (dancing all the dances with very little rest ~> 3: through a space limited by two objects (since he could not go around the two strolling men, he went ~>)

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betweenmaid *'=,=\n -S [2between] Brit: a maidservant
whose work supplements that of cook and housemaid
be-tween-ness \-\tilde{e}nness \n -\tilde{e}n -\tilde{e}s: the quality or state of being
between two others in an ordered series



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